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AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS CURRENTLY IN TRAIN HERE, URGENTLY NEED BEST

POSSIBLE DETAILED ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES CAN

PROVIDE ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. AREAS CRITICAL TO ATTAINMENT U.S. OBJECTIVES IN WHICH
 GVN PERFORMANCE (CIVILIAN AND MILITARY) ADEQUATE OR BETTER.

B. CRITICAL AREAS IN WHICH GVN PERFORMANCE MARGINAL.

C. CRITICAL AREAS IN WHICH GVN PERFORMANCE NOW BELOW WHAT
 YOU CONSIDER MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE THRESHOLD.

D. PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN (B) AND (C) IN NEAR TERM
 FUTURE.

E. WHAT U.S. PRESSURES LIKELY TO HAVE OPTIMUM EFFECT IN
 IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN CRITICAL AREAS WHERE PERFORMANCE NOW IN (B)
 AND (C) CATEGORIES.

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2. SOME OF THE POINTS YOU WILL NEED TO COVER ARE ONES WE HAVE
 DISCUSSED MANY TIMES BEFORE: THE THIEU-KY RELATIONSHIP, HARNASSING
 AVAILABLE EXECUTIVE TALENT, RAISING ALL ZONE-CONVENTIONAL ELEMENTS TO THE
 COMMON CAUSE (IF NOT TO THIS GVN), THE ROLE OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF, THE
 RIGHT APPROACHES TO PACIFICATION AND RURAL SECURITY, THE PERFORMANCE
 AND BEHAVIOR OF ARVN, THE GVN'S POSITIONING TO THE NLF AND DISSIDENT
 ELEMENTS, ETC. WHAT WE NEED MOST IS YOUR RUTHLESS SORTING BY REAL
 PRIORITIES: WHAT ARE THE THINGS OR STEPS THE GVN MUST BE INDUCED TO
 DO OR TAKE, WHAT ARE THE THINGS IT IS MOST DESIRABLE FOR THE GVN TO
 DO (I.E. THINGS NOT ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY THAT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL),
 AND WHAT ARE THINGS THAT IT WOULD BE NICE OR USEFUL FOR THE GVN TO
 DO BUT ARE NOT REALLY OF IMMEDIATE URGENCY. YOUR BALANCE SHEET OF
 COURSE NEED NOT BE A PURE RECITAL OF SHORTCOMINGS IF INDEED THE GVN
 IS NOW MOVING OF ITS OWN IN THE KY AREA. WHAT WE MUST HAVE, HOWEVER,
 IS A HARD NOSED ASSESSMENT (CRITERIA HAS BEEN...) NOT WISHLFUL THINKING
 OR HOPING (THIEU SAYS HE WILL DO...).

3. WE ALSO NEED A CANDID, A COMPREHENSIVE AND REALISTIC ASSESS-
 MENT OF ARVN'S PERFORMANCE AND PROSPECTS. IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO

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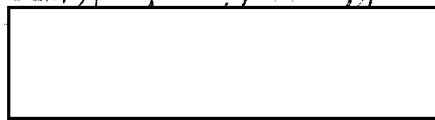
STIMULATE ONE FROM MACV? IF NO, WHAT CAN YOU PROVIDE FROM YOUR OWN SOURCES.

4. IN ADDITION TO INFORMING ABOUT OUR ALLIES, WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT OUR ENEMY. MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHAT CAN THE GVN AND/OR U.S. DO TO EXACERBATE TENSIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNIST CAMP, DEFLATE COMMUNIST MORALE, AND INCREASE COMMUNIST FRUSTRATION AND PROBLEMS IN BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM.

5. ON TIMING, REALIZE ABOVE IS TALL ORDER. DO NOT WISH IMPOSE IMPOSSIBLE DEADLINES, BUT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE PRELIMINARY PIECE BY NOON WASH TIME SUNDAY 3 MARCH TO BRACE FOR 1500 MEETING. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS TO US BY 0800 MONDAY, 4 MARCH WASH TIME. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR FINISHED ANALYSIS NO LATER THAN 0800 WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH WASH TIME.

END OF MESSAGE

George A. Carver, Jr. (Signed in draft)
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